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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINT, PGOU, AR

SUBJECT: ARGENTINE DEVELOPMENTS

- 1. WE TRANSMITTED TO YOU BY SEPTEL EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES ANALYSIS OF PREVALENT RUMORS CONCERNING MAJOR CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT. FURTHER TO THAT, ARGENTINE NEWS AGENCY TELAM REPORTS THAT LOPEZ REGA IN PUBLIC STATEMENT (JAN. 30) DENIED RUMORS OF A CABINET RESHUFFLE. APPEARING AT A CGT SPONSORED EXPOSITION, APPARENTLY IN COMPANY OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES PRESIDENT LASTIRI, HE STRESSED HIS ASSERTEDLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE ARMED FORCES.
- 2. ON THE THEORY THAT WHERE THERE IS SMOKE THERE IS FIRE, WE ARE WATCHING THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND HAVE ASKED EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES TO BE PARTICULARLY ON THE ALERT.
- 3. IN UNRELATED BUT SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT, THE PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY ARMY (ERP) HAS THREATENED TO MURDER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITHIN 72 HOURS UNLESS POLICE SHOW PUBLICLY THAT 19 OF THEIR DETAINED MILITANTS ARE STILL ALIVE. BUENOS AIRES CONFIDENTIAL

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